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BAR BRIEFS

The Board of Governors held its March meeting in Vancouver, Washington, as guests of the Clark-Skamania Bar Association. The Board particularly enjoyed this meeting because it afforded them an opportunity to acquaint themselves personally with members of the bar who are so geographically situated that they find it inconvenient to attend general meetings of the Association.

At its meeting, several petitions from Gonzaga University and University of Washington students were presented, requesting the Board to advance the bar examination date so as to enable all of the students to take examinations before being drafted. The Board, therefore, advanced the examination dates to June 23, 24 and 25, 1942. Roy C. Miller, a University of Washington graduate, who has practiced law for twenty-one years in the City of Seattle, was appointed Chairman of the Board of Bar Examiners to replace S. H. Kelleran, who resigned to become Counsel of the Association.

The Spokane County Bar Association extended an invitation to the Board of Governors to hold the 1942 Convention in that city, September 25 and 26. The Board concluded that this was an excellent idea provided it met with the approval of Superior Court Judges Association, whose custom it is to meet either just prior to or jointly with the Bar Association.

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Chapter 149, Laws of 1941, created a committee, consisting of the law librarian of the University of Washington, the executive secretary of

the Judicial Council and the state law librarian, to "determine upon and adopt a complete recompilation of the laws of this state . . . and adopt a uniform and perpetual system for the numbering of the sections thereof."

This committee has already had a number of meetings, the last one being with Chief Justice Robinson and Judge Simpson as representatives of our Supreme Court, and Judge Meakim as a representative of the Superior Court, and a committee of the State Bar Association consisting of H. Sylvester Garvin, Otto D. Anderson, Orville H. Mills, Owen P. Hughes and the late Joseph McCarthy.

At this last meeting and at several of the prior ones representatives of the publishers of the two present codes were present.

Particular study and discussion has been directed to two types of codification. One is the grouping of laws into so-called codes and the other is an alphabetical or encyclopedic arrangement. The first would consist of some 25 divisions or codes, the second, four to six hundred or more subjects in encyclopedic order.

The committee's aim is to determine upon and adopt an arrangement which will be most satisfactory to the bench and bar and to that end it solicits their aid by way of suggestions, preferences and criticisms. Do the judges and lawyers prefer the code or encyclopedic arrangement? Do they prefer a grouping of procedural material, that is, civil procedure, justices' procedure and probate procedure, so that it will be separate from the other general laws?

Help this committee help you. Communicate with any one of its members.

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SERVICE WHICH THE STATE OFFICE IS OFFERING THE ATTORNEYS—
The Board of Governors, believing that it might prove of some service to the attorneys throughout the state to be able to obtain quickly copies of birth certificates from the various states in the Union, has obtained a copy from each state for the use as a form by any member of the State Bar desiring the same. Your request should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, 655 Dexter Horton Building, Seattle, Washington.

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Interesting and unusual advertisements on behalf of and to the benefit of all attorneys are being published in a series in *Time Magazine*, commencing the first of this year, by the Lawyers Co-op Publishing Company. It is believed this is the first time the matter of publicizing the benefits of legal counsel has been handled in this manner, and the idea should prove of value to all lawyers.

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An election of members of the Board of Governors from the 3rd and 6th Congressional Districts will be held in June, the terms of Joseph E. Hall, Vancouver, Washington, representing the 3rd District, and Hugo Metzler of Tacoma, representing the 6th District, expiring at that time.